



The Quest

Eternity

Tomb Sculpture of Ancient China



The Cleveland

Museum of Art

January 15, 1988

February 10-

MUSEUM CURATOR TO LECTURE ON ANCIENT CHINESE TOMB SCULPTURE

April 10, 1988

Stephen Little, associate curator of Chinese art at The Cleveland Museum of Art, will describe the extraordinary ceramic sculptures excavated since 1949 from ancient Chinese tombs in a free slide lecture at the Museum on Wednesday, January 27, at 5:45 pm. Almost all of the figures of people, animals, and other objects described by Dr. Little will be on view at The Cleveland Museum of Art from February 10 through April 10 in the exhibition, **Tomb Sculpture of Ancient China: The Quest for Eternity**.

Dr. Little will show slides of important archaeological sites in the People's Republic of China, discussing how the sculptures found at these sites have altered previous views of early Chinese art and culture. He will also discuss the functions of tomb sculpture and the development of this art form from Neolithic times to the 16th century.

An authority on Chinese painting, calligraphy, and ceramics, Stephen Little received his M.A. in art history from the University of California, Los Angeles, and his Ph.D. in Chinese art history from Yale University. Before joining the curatorial staff of The Cleveland Museum of Art in January, 1987, he served as curator of Chinese art at the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco (the Avery Brundage Collection) and lectured on Chinese art at the Smithsonian Institution.

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Dr. Little's lecture is the first of four Wednesday evening lectures scheduled at The Cleveland Museum of Art in conjunction with the exhibition Tomb Sculpture of Ancient China: The Quest for Eternity. The other lectures--all free and open to the public--are:

Wednesday, February 10, 5:45 pm

Tang Tomb Figures: Musicians, Foreigners, and Guardians

Edward Schafer, Agassiz Professor of Oriental Language and Literature, Emeritus, University of California at Berkeley.

Wednesday, March 23, 5:45 pm

Foreigners in China and the Chinese Afterworld

Albert Dien, Professor, Department of Asian Languages, Stanford University. Co-author of the exhibition catalogue.

Wednesday, April 13, 5:45 pm

Underground Palaces and Longevity Mounds

Robert Thorp, Associate Professor, Department of Art & Archaeology, Washington University, St. Louis. Co-author of the exhibition catalogue.

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